New areas for raising Additional Revenue

4001. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are exploring new / innovating areas for raising additional revenue as adequate internal resources to meet the expansion needs of the Railways in future;

(b) if so, whether Government had formed any Committee;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government had consulted States before preparing any draft plan in this regard;

(e) if so, the suggestions received from the States; and

(f) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU) : (a) It has been a continuous endeavour of the Railways to maximize its earnings mainly through its core activity of transportation of passenger and freight. With a view to generating enough resources to meet the growing requirement of Railways' expansion and development, innovative measures are being taken to capture greater traffic as outlined in the Railway Budget, besides controlling the expenditure.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) to (f) Railway Minister has written to State Chief Ministers to contribute a share for the early completion of projects falling under Remote Area Rail Sampark Yojana. State Governments' response is awaited.

New/on-going and pending rail projects

†4002. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of new/on-going and pending rail projects and survey made for laying new railway lines and construction of fly-over in Chhattisgarh and the targets laid down for their completion;

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(b) the project-wise details of funds allocated and the funds spent, so far;

(c) whether out of them, some projects are lagging behind; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to complete these projects in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU) : (a) and (b) The project-wise progress along with the target dates of completion, wherever fixed, anticipated expenditure up to 31/03/2005 (actual expenditure will be known after finalization of the yearly accounts of the last financial year) and budget allocation provided during 2005-06 for various new/ongoing New Line, Doubling and Road Over Bridge (Flyovers) projects in Chhattisgarh are as given under :—

S. No.	Name of the Project	Present States (Rs.in crore)	Anticipated Cost (Rs. in crore)	Anticipated Expenditure up to 31/03/2005	Budget allocation provided during 2005-06 (Rs. in crore)
1	2	3	4	5	6
	NEW LINE				
1.	Dallirajahara-Jagdalpur (235 Kms)	The first phase of this railway line, viz., from Dallirajahara to Rowghat, is to be constructed entirely at the cost of M/s.Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) who have not yet deposited the cost of this part-project with the Railways for want of mining permission in Rowghat area and forestry clearance.The work would be taken up as soon as SAIL deposits the money with the Railways and the State Government hands over the possession of the requisite land.	369.00	0.44	0.01

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1	2	3	4	5	6
2.	Bishrampur-Ambikapur (19.88 Kms)	Land has been acquired fully. Overall physical progress is 85%	80.33	48.49	22.06
		DOUBLING			
1.	Korba-Gevra Road (8 Kms)	Gevra Road-Kusumunda (3 Kms) has been completed and commissioned. Balance section is targeted for completion during 2005-06.	46.80	42.95	3.50
2.	Bilaspur-Urkura (3rd Line) (110 Kms)	Bilaspur-Dagori has been completed and commissioned. On Dagori-Bhatapara, mid-section linking has almost been completed. Bhatapara-Urkura is being implemented by Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. (RVNL).	227.36	171.36	56.00
3.	Bilaspur-Salka Road (39.4 Kms.)	Final Location Survey is being taken up.	90.02	6.81	10.00
4.	Bhilai-Durg (3rd Line) (13.15 Kms)	New work included in the Budget 2005-06	33.00	0.00	2.00
5.	Bilaspur-Anuppur (except Kalachand-Khongsara) with flyover at Bilaspur	New work included in the Budget 2005-06	84.00	0.00	12.00
		ROAD OVER BRIDGE (ROB)			
1.	Korba-ROB in lieu of level crossing at Km 704/18-19.	Drawing has been approved & Estimate has been sent to State Government for acceptance. Geotechnical investigation has been completed.	7.58	0.85	2.94

1	2	3	4	5	6
2.	Bhilai Nagar-Drug-ROB at Km 864/23-25.	Drawing has been approved & Estimate is under finalization. Geotechnical investigation has been completed.	11.83	1.25	1.50
3.	Nipania-Bhatapara-ROB in lieu of level crossing No. 335.	Drawing has been approved & Estimate is under finalization. Geotechnical investigation has been completed.	12.20	1.25	1.50
4.	Akaltara-ROB in lieu of level crossing No. 355.	General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) has been approved & Estimate is under finalization.Soil exploration has been completed.	10.56	0.70	2.00
5.	Uslapur - ROB in lieu of level crossing No. BK-2.	Approval of GAD & Estimate is awaited from the State Government	11.35	0.30	2.00

Surveys for following New Lines in Chhattisgarh have been completed in recent past :—

1. Raipur-Jharsuguda
2. Barwadih-Chirimiri
3. Korba-Lohardaga
4. Rajnandgaon-Jabalpur
5. Bilaspur-Jabalpur
6. Pendra Road-Gevra Road/Korba

Of the above, the projects at Item Nos. 1 to 5 could not be considered in view of acute constraint of resources.

(c) and (d) The works are being progressed as per the availability of resources. Railways have taken a number of initiatives to generate additional resources from sources other than the normal budgetary support to expedite the progress of the projects.